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SUBJ: PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION, JULY 2

1. DURING PERMREP'S LUNCH JULY 2, DANISH AMBASSADOR SVART BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF PARTICIPATION BY MILITARY COMMITTEE (M.C.) REPRESENTATIVES

IN MEETINGS OF THE NAC, DPC, AND NPG. SVART WANTED TO BE CLEAR IN HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT NATO AMBASSADORS CAN INVITE MC REPS TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE NAC, DPC OR NPG AS MEMBERS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, SUBJECT TO NORMAL RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBERS, AND SUBJECT TO EACH AMBASSADOR'S OWN REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT DURING MEETINGS. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT IF THE MC REPS SAT IN SUCH MEETINGS AS MEMBERS

OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, THEY WOULD THEN BE SITTING AS ADVISORS TO THE AMBASSADOR, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS SUCH. PERMREPS CONFIRMED THIS UNDERSTANDING.

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2. WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DECISION TO HAVE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE SIT IN ON DR. KISSINGER'S JULY 4 BRIEFING TO THE NAC, DE STAERCCKE, KRAPF, AND RUMSFELD POINTED OUT THAT IF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AS THE COMMITTEE, OR AS MILREPS AS OPPOSED

TO ADVISORS, BEGAN REGULARLY TO SIT IN MEETINGS OF THE NAC
A NEXT STEP MIGHT BE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL SIT,
FOR EXAMPLE, IN MEETINGS, OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, THE END
RESULT WOULD BE TO BLUR THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES AND/
OR RESULT IN A DESIRE TO MERGE THEM SO THAT ALL OF THE MC REPS
WOULD BECOME DEFENSE ADVISORS TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.
BUSCH POINTED OUT THAT IN 1967 ONE OPTION CONSIDERED WAS TO
ABOLISH THE COMMITTEE. RUMSFELD SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE PRESENT
STRUCTURE WAS CERTAINLY NOT PERFECT BUT IT HAD WORKED REASONABLY
WELL, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAD
EXISTED BETWEEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
MILITARY COMMITTEE, STEINHOFF, AND, IN HIS OWN CASE, HIS RELATION-
SHIP WITH THE U.S. REP TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, GENERAL MILTON.
DE STAERCKE INDICATED HE FELT IT WAS TIME TO LOOK AT THE ROLE OF
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER SOME CHANGES. RUMSFELD

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